

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Greenwood Mill Greenwood, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments until August 4, 2011 on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and the City of Greenwood, and is identified as VCC 11-5971-NRP.

The Contract will affect approximately 6.76 acres of property located at 700 Kitson Street in Greenwood, South Carolina, that is identified by tax map number 6845-658-970. A textile mill operated on the property from the late 1800's until 2006. Currently, the mill buildings have been partially demolished and building remnants and building debris cover much of the property. There is the potential that chemicals used in textile mill operations may have caused pollution in soil and groundwater on the Property.

The City of Greenwood intends to acquire the property for mixed use that may include a combination of residential and commercial development. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow the City of Greenwood to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of possible environmental pollution on the property. DHEC will not hold the City of Greenwood responsible for any pre-existing pollution on the Property in exchange for the work that the City of Greenwood will do under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. The City of Greenwood did not cause pollution on the property, but will take steps to control any pollution to keep the property safe for re-use.

Under State law, the City of Greenwood will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract does not reduce the responsibility of past owners of the Property or anyone that may have caused the contamination.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882. Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until August 3, 2011. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manger, email gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4121 or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.